

UTAH BOARD OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

MEETING NOTES

Committee:	Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Committee
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Date:	Thursday August 20, 2009	Time:	10:00 – 11:30 am	Place:	State Capitol Senate Building, Spruce Room
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Members Present	Holly Martak, Kris Shaw, Jerry Oler, Manuel Romero, Debra Charleston, Debbie Rocha, Det. Trudy Cropper
Members Excused	Narda Beas-Nordell, Pat Berckman, Judge Leslie D. Brown, Russ Van Vleet, Judge Larry E. Jones, Shirlee Silversmith, Maria Garciaz,
Members Absent	Salvador Mendez
Staff & Guest	Staff: Ben Peterson, Cuong Nguyen, Reg Garff; visitor: Frank Bedolla and Lt. Wade Breur

Agenda Item 1:	Welcome/Introductions – Pat Berckman
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pat was excused due to a schedule conflict. Jerry was asked by the group to chair the meeting. Holly motioned to approve June 18, 2009 minute; Debra seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2:	Presentation from Fathers and Families Coalition of Utah – Frank Bedolla
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frank Bedolla, Director of the Fathers and Families Coalition of Utah (FFC), presented the structure and purpose of FFC; its mission is “to enhance the capacity of service providers throughout the nation, so they will be better equipped to effectively serve fathers, mothers, and children.” The Utah chapter is working to educate parents the benefit of a father in a child’s life and reduce fatherlessness. Frank asked for support by asking for referrals to agencies/organizations that would benefit from the information, participation in their annual summit (June 2010), and participation in their advisory board as well as financial support or donations. FFC future’s work will include the creation of the Father Institute that would cover a wide range of topics. This future work will take place when there are more participants. Discussion: Manuel shared that he could see a correlation between FFC and DMC work. He suggested the DMC Subcommittee should consider in the near future how to incorporate the FFC work as part of the DMC work. Debbie shared that she attended the FFC summit; their work has good effect on children’s lives and could reduce the number of youth involved with juvenile justice system. She recommended DMC Subcommittee consider working with FFC. Jerry recommended putting the issue on the agenda for the next meeting.

Agenda Item 3:	POST – Progress Report – Debbie Rocha
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural Diversity Curriculum Development for POST – Since last meeting, the Working Group studied and carried out the recommendations from the Subcommittee for the assessment part of the curriculum development. The Working Group labored on three fronts: administered online the DMC Survey to diversity community leaders, youth focus groups, and law enforcement focus groups. Ben Peterson reported on the online DMC Survey result; Cuong reported on the youth focus groups as well as law enforcement focus groups (see handout). Participation in the law enforcement focus groups was low and the group discussed

	<p>whether an additional focus group was needed. The Subcommittee recommended conducting an additional law enforcement focus group to have a representative point of view. Cuong will follow up with the law enforcement focus group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reg recommended a meeting with Lt. Wade to plan out the strategy for curriculum development. Cuong will follow up with the meeting arrangement.
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Agenda Item 4:	Racial Data Entry – Update – Jerry
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jerry shared that the Court has a system in place to generate a monthly completion rate report on CARE racial data entry. It will also identify the input personnel. The supervisor will discuss with individuals that have low racial/ethnic data input. Jerry said that this system will improve the racial/ethnic reporting rates.

Agenda Item 5:	2009 DMC Work – Progress Report
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMC Data Analysis Working Group – Cuong reported that the group has met and discussed the FY08 data. Recommendations and issues were discovered in the meeting that requires more details to prepare a full report to be discussed at the DMC Annual Meeting.

Agenda Item 6:	DMC Annual Retreat – All
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: Thursday November 12, 2009. The location and topics for discussion has yet to be determined. Cuong asked members to submit their ideas and location for the meeting.

Agenda Item 7:	Remainder of 2009 Meeting Schedule
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 17, 2009 from 10:00 – 11:30am • October 22, 2009 from 10:00 – 11:30am (Date change due to UBJJ Annual) • November 12, 2009 from 8:00am - 4:00 pm (Date change due to DMC Annual) • December, 2009: NO MEETING

Agenda Item 8:	Other Business
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuong shared that there are two conferences that DMC Subcommittee members may attend. The first is the Northern Utah Gang Conference, which UBJJ supported financially, scheduled for Oct. 1st and 2nd. All interested individual are invited to attend. Please let Cuong know if you are interested. • The second conference is the OJJDP Annual Training - Core Requirement of the JJPDA, is scheduled for Oct. 25-29 in Austin, TX. There are possibly 1-2 spaces available for DMC members. Interested members should let Cuong know no later than by the end of August, 2009. Cuong will submit the list to UBJJ Executive board who will make the final decision as who to attend.

The next meetings are scheduled for Thursday September 17, 2009, 10:00-11:30am, Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Building, Spruce Room.